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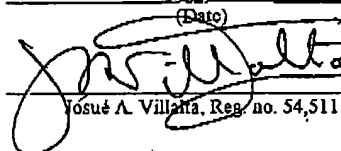
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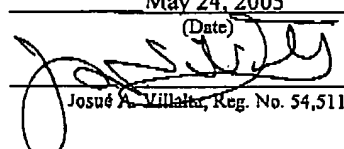
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In response to the Office Action mailed April 27, 2005, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.